



M. Jodi Rell

GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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Captain Marc W. Denno, USN
Commanding Officer
U.S. Naval Submarine Base New London
Groton, CT 06349-5000

Dear Captain Denno:

I was most pleased to learn that Naval Submarine Base New London (SUBASE) was recently selected as the 2009 Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Community Service of the Year award winner in the categories of environmental stewardship, Project Good Neighbor, and health, safety and fitness.

The State takes pride in its role as a good steward of the environment. Accordingly, it is very gratifying to know that some 300 sailors from SUBASE volunteered more than 1,375 hours to work on projects such as annual Earth Day Challenge. Thousands of residents of Southeastern Connecticut benefited from the work of SUBASE volunteers in cleaning up regional parks, preserves and nature conservancies.

Equally impressive is the fact that 540 Navy men and woman volunteered 7,200 hours for numerous Project Good Neighbor projects, including local food banks, assistance to homeless organizations, and veterans' events. Particularly noteworthy was the Heroes at Home project undertaken with Rebuilding Together Litchfield County for the benefit of a young Army soldier wounded in Iraq and his family.

This kind of invaluable community service is one of the many reasons why we are so proud to have the U.S. Navy as our neighbor here in Connecticut. Please extend my sincere congratulations to all who took part in the projects resulting in these awards. And best wishes in the upcoming Navy-wide competition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Jodi Rell".

M. Jodi Rell
Governor

cc: Commissioner Amey Marrella, Department of Environmental Protection
Commissioner Joan McDonald, Department of Economic and Community Development
Bob Ross, Executive Director, Office of Military Affairs